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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

<i>In re application of:</i>	Art Unit: 2834
Krieger et al.	
Serial No. 09/489,293	Examiner: Julio C. Gonzalez
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For: HYDRODYNAMIC SPINDLE MOTOR USING WELDING SEALING TECHNIQUE	

**LETTER TO OFFICIAL DRAFTSPERSON**

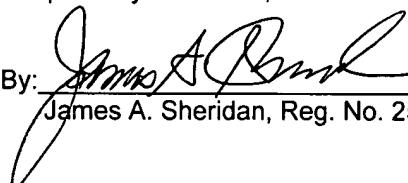
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Sir:

Please find enclosed two (2) sheets of formal drawings, consisting of Figs. 1 and 2 to replace the informal drawings previously filed with the application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee associated with the filing of the enclosed formal drawings (or credit any overpayment thereof) to counsel's Deposit Account No. 20-0782 (Order No. 67845/JAS) (SEA 2797); a duplicate of this transmittal is provided.

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED JANUARY 17, 2003**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 17, 2003, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims 1 and 8 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A spindle motor for use in a disc drive comprising a shaft supporting a thrust plate at one end thereof,

a sleeve surrounding the shaft and adjacent the thrust plate and cooperating with the shaft to define a journal bearing and the thrust plate to define a fluid thrust bearing,

a counterplate welded to said sleeve and located adjacent said thrust plate,

the welded counterplate being adapted to contain fluid within the thrust bearing and the journal bearing.